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**Machine Problem 01**

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## Calculating the Dimensions of a Uniform Fin for a Specific Thermal Efficiency Through Newton-Raphson method

### Problem Statement

The necessary cross-sectional dimensions of an aluminum fin with a square cross-section is to be determined such that it will have thermal efficiency of 0.95. Newton-Raphson method is used to solve the nonlinear mathematical model for thermal efficiency of a uniform fin, considering convection through its tip.

### Results and Discussion

The mathematical model for the thermal efficiency of a uniform fin is described by fig. 1 wherein  $l$  - length,  $A$  - cross-sectional area,  $P$  - perimeter,  $k$  - thermal conductivity and  $h_{\infty}$  - heat transfer coefficient of the fin.

$$\eta = \left( \frac{\sinh \frac{l}{\lambda} + \alpha \cosh \frac{l}{\lambda}}{\cosh \frac{l}{\lambda} + \alpha \sinh \frac{l}{\lambda}} \right) \left( \frac{\lambda}{l + \frac{A}{P}} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{kA}{h_{\infty} P} \right)^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{h_{\infty} A}{kP} \right)^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

Figure 1: Mathematical model for the thermal efficiency of a Uniform Fin.

Considering that the values of  $l = 0.1\text{m}$ ,  $k = 240 \text{ W/(m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C)}$  and  $h_{\infty} = 9 \text{ W/(m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C)}$  are given and  $A$  and  $P$  are dependent on  $s$  - dimension of the side of a square, the discussed mathematical model can be expressed in terms of  $s$  only.

The mathematical model is divided into parts and the associated first derivatives with respect to  $s$  are computed. The derivation are described by the following statements.

Note that  $(x')$  symbolizes the first derivative of the variable  $x$  with respect to  $s$ .

- Let  $\eta = AB$  and  $\eta' = A'B + AB'$

- $A = \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right)}$  and  $A' = \frac{C'D - CD'}{D^2}$
- $B = \frac{\lambda}{l + \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)}$  and  $B' = \frac{E'F - EF'}{F^2}$
- $C = \sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right)$  and  
 $C' = \left[ \cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) \right] [-l \lambda^{-2}] \lambda' + \cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) \alpha'$
- $D = \cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right)$  and  
 $D' = \left[ \sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \cosh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) \right] [-l \lambda^{-2}] \lambda' + \sinh\left(\frac{l}{\lambda}\right) \alpha'$
- $E = \lambda$  and  $E' = \lambda'$
- $F = l + \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)$  and  $F' = \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)'$
- $\lambda = \left(\frac{k}{h}\right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)^{0.5}$  and  $\lambda' = 0.5 \left(\frac{k}{h}\right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)^{-0.5} \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)'$
- $\alpha = \left(\frac{h}{k}\right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)^{0.5}$  and  $\alpha' = 0.5 \left(\frac{h}{k}\right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)^{-0.5} \left(\frac{A}{P}\right)'$
- $\left(\frac{A}{P}\right) = \frac{s^2}{4s} = 0.25s$  and  $\left(\frac{A}{P}\right)' = 0.25$

A C Program (see Appendix) is created to implement a Newton-Raphson method in solving the problem.

A function  $f(x) = \eta - 0.95$  is used in the program and its first derivate with respect to  $s$  is computed through the derived values of  $A', B', C', D', E', F', \lambda', \alpha'$ , and  $\left(\frac{A}{P}\right)'$ .

The results of the program are shown in figs. 2-3.

Iteration	Root	Thermal Efficiency	Absolute Error
1	0.088125489	0.991684179	0.011874511
2	0.078059757	0.990988836	0.010065732
3	0.069469660	0.990233273	0.008590097
99	0.009870963	0.950004577	0.000000120
100	0.009870855	0.950004090	0.000000107
101	0.009870759	0.950003655	0.000000096

Figure 2: First and Last 3 iterates of the NR method.

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Converged at 0.009870759 meters, after 101 iterations

Thus the square cross section has
Side Length of: 0.009870759 meters
Area of       : 0.000097432 square meter
Perimeter of  : 0.039483037 meters

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Figure 3: Cross-Sectional dimensions of the square fin.

The logical initial guess for  $s$  was 0.1 m which is the length of the uniform fin.

As shown in fig. 3, the NR method converged at a side dimension of **0.009870759 meter** after 101 iterations.

### Problems encountered

Since the creation of C Program that uses NR method in root finding was already done in previous homework, the only problem encountered in solving the problem was the simplification of the thermal efficiency model and its corresponding first derivative. The most difficult part was the derivation of the first derivative because there are a multiple chain rule applications. I was also forced to review the derivatives of the hyperbolic functions and the Product and Quotient Rule for derivatives. I was able to solve these problems through research of first derivate calculations.

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### Appendix

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <math.h>
4  #define MAXERR 0.0000001
5  |
6  /* Problem # 1:
7   Newton Raphson Method
8  */
9
10 double therm_eff(double s)
11 {
12     double n;
13     double p1, p2, p3;
14     double lambda, alpha;
15     double k, l, h;
16     double A, P;
17
18     k = 240;
19     h = 9;
20     l = 0.1;
21
22     A = s*s;
23     P = s*s;
24     lambda = sqrt((k*A)/(h*P));
25     alpha = sqrt((h*A)/(k*P));
26
27     p1 = sinh(l/lambda) + alpha*cosh(l/lambda);
28     p2 = cosh(l/lambda) + alpha*sinh(l/lambda);
29     p3 = (lambda/(1+(A/P)));
30 }
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31         n = (p1/p2)*p3;
32
33         return n;
34     }
35 }
36 double derivative(double s)
37 {
38     double dfx;
39     double z, dz;
40     double Alpha, dAlpha, Lambda, dLambda;
41     double k, l, h;
42     double A, B, C, D, E, F;
43     double dA, dB, dC, dD, dE, dF;
44
45     k = 240;
46     h = 9;
47     l = 0.1;
48
49     z = 0.25*s;      /** Area over Perimeter **/
50     dz = 0.25;       // Derivative of Area over Perimeter
51
52     Alpha = sqrt(h/k) * sqrt(z);
53     Lambda = sqrt(k/h) * sqrt(z);
54
55
56     dAlpha = 0.5*sqrt(h/k)*(1/sqrt(z))*dz;
57     dLambda = 0.5*sqrt(k/h)*(1/sqrt(z))*dz;
58
59     F = 1 + z;
60     dF = dz;

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61
62     E = Lambda;
63     dE = dLambda;
64
65     D = cosh(1/Lambda) + Alpha*sinh(1/Lambda);
66     dD = (-0.1)*(1/(Lambda*Lambda))*(sinh(1/Lambda)+ \
67     Alpha*cosh(1/Lambda))*dLambda + sinh(1/Lambda)*dAlpha;
68
69     C = sinh(1/Lambda) + Alpha*cosh(1/Lambda);
70     dC = (-0.1)*(1/(Lambda*Lambda))*(cosh(1/Lambda)+ \
71     Alpha*sinh(1/Lambda))*dLambda + cosh(1/Lambda)*dAlpha;
72
73     B = E/F;
74     dB = (dE*F-E*dF)/(F*F);
75
76     A = C/D;
77     dA = (dC*D-C*dD)/(D*D);
78
79     return dfx = dA*B + A*dB;
80 }

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81 int main()
82 {
83     double xk, xk_old, diff, abserr, root, c;
84     int k = 0;
85
86     xk = 0.1; //Initial Guess
87     xk_old = xk;
88     c = 0.95; //Desired Thermal Efficiency
89
90     abserr = 100;
91
92     printf("Iteration      Root      \
93           Thermal_Efficiency      Absolute Error      \n");
94     while (abserr > MAXERR) {
95         if ((therm_eff(xk)-c) == 0) { // xk is the root
96             root = xk;
97             break;
98         } else if ( derivative(xk) == 0 ) { // provide another initial guess
99             printf("Provide another initial Guess\n");
100             return 0;
101         } else { // Update value of xk
102             xk = xk - ((therm_eff(xk)-c)/derivative(xk));
103             root = xk;
104             k++; // Update iteration number
105         }
106     }

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107     diff = xk - xk_old;
108     abserr = sqrt(diff*diff);           // Determine the absolute error
109     //abserr = sqrt((therm_eff(xk)-c)*(therm_eff(xk)-c));
110     if (k<10) {
111         printf(" ");
112     }else if(k<100) {
113         printf(" ");
114     }
115     printf("    %d          %0.9lf          %0.9lf          \n",k,root,therm_eff(root),abserr);
116
117
118     xk_old = xk;                       // Update the previous iteration value
119 }
120
121 printf("\nConverged at %0.9lf meters, after %d iterations\n",root,k);
122 printf("\nThus the square cross section has\n");
123 printf("Side Length of:   %0.9lf meters\n",root);
124 printf("Area of           :   %0.9lf square meter\n",root*root);
125 printf("Perimeter of      :   %0.9lf meters\n",root*4);
126
127 return 0;
128 }

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## Solving Ideal Fluid Flow past a Cylinder Problems Using LU Decomposition and SOR Method

### Problem Statement

The potential at particular nodes of a fluid passing through a cylinder given the inflow velocity  $u_0$  are to be computed using Direct methods (i.e LU Decomposition) and Iterative Method (i.e. Successive Over-Relaxation Method).

### Results and Discussion

The governing equation for the fluid flow past a cylinder is given by fig. 4.

$$[A]\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

where  $[A] =$

1.0250	-0.4000	0	0	-0.6250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-0.4000	1.9135	-0.2998	0	0	-1.0338	-0.1799	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	-0.2998	2.1415	-0.4417	0	0	-1.4000	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	-0.4417	1.0077	0	0	0	-0.5660	0	0	0	0	0
-0.6250	0	0	0	2.0500	-0.8000	0	0	-0.6250	0	0	0	0
0	-1.0338	0	0	-0.8000	3.8097	-0.4401	0	0	-1.0000	-0.0595	-0.4764	0
0	-0.1799	-1.4000	0	0	-0.4401	4.0492	-0.7067	0	0	0	-1.1159	-0.2067
0	0	0	-0.5660	0	0	-0.7067	2.2161	0	0	0	0	-0.9433
0	0	0	0	-0.6250	0	0	0	1.0250	-0.4000	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	-1.0000	0	0	-0.4000	2.0667	-0.6667	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	-0.0595	0	0	0	-0.6667	1.3788	-0.6526	0
0	0	0	0	0	-0.4764	-1.1159	0	0	0	-0.6526	2.5098	-0.2650
0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.2067	-0.9433	0	0	0	-0.2650	1.4150

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \\ x_8 \\ x_9 \\ x_{10} \\ x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ x_{13} \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = u_0 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

in which  $x_i$  is the potential at node  $i$ , and  $u_0$  is the inflow velocity.

Figure 4: Equations of fluid past a cylinder based on finite-element idealization.



I.) Crout's Method:

The Algorithm for LU Decomposition is given by fig. 5.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{ii} &= 1; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\
 l_{ij} &= \left\{ a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{ik} u_{kj} \right\}; \quad i \geq j; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\
 u_{ij} &= \left\{ \frac{a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} l_{ik} u_{kj}}{l_{ii}} \right\}; \quad i < j; \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, n
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 5: Elements of the L and U Matrices Using Crout's Method.

A C Program (see Appendix) is created to implement the LU Decomposition and Forward and Backward substitution.

The results of LU Decomposition via Crout's Method are shown in fig. 6 for  $u_0 = 5$  and fig. 7 for  $u_0 = 100$ .

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Potential at Each node are:
x[1] = -199958.121300417
x[2] = -199981.446211289
x[3] = -199990.061189867
x[4] = -199983.336274209
x[5] = -199959.193357458
x[6] = -199985.783391902
x[7] = -199994.027736883
x[8] = -199978.088226071
x[9] = -199958.230170412
x[10] = -199981.725190652
x[11] = -199989.734500455
x[12] = -199998.277095927
x[13] = -199984.197588189

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Figure 6: Results of Crout's-LU Decomposition with  $u_0 = 5$ .

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Potential at Each node are:
x[1] = -3999162.426008333
x[2] = -3999628.924225785
x[3] = -3999801.223797331
x[4] = -3999666.725484178
x[5] = -3999183.867149163
x[6] = -3999715.667838034
x[7] = -3999880.554737666
x[8] = -3999561.764521423
x[9] = -3999164.603408235
x[10] = -3999634.503813033
x[11] = -3999794.690009100
x[12] = -3999965.541918535
x[13] = -3999683.951763778

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Figure 7: Results of Crout's-LU Decomposition with  $u_0 = 100$ .

## II.) Successive Over-Relaxation.

The  $[A]$  matrix is ill-conditioned since its determinant is very close to zeros. Using Microsoft excel I found that its determinant is **-0.008355299**. Hence partial pivoting is done to lessen the ill-conditioning.

A C Program (*see Appendix*) is created to implement the SOR method and preconditioning of the system. The relaxation factor is swept from 1 to 1.5 with 0.05 increments.

w	Total Iterations
1.00	14
1.05	21
1.10	25
1.15	30
1.20	35
1.25	40
1.30	46
1.35	52
1.40	60
1.45	69
1.50	83

Figure 8: Total iterations for each value of  $w$  of SOR method at  $u_0 = 5$ .

w	Total Iterations
1.00	14
1.05	23
1.10	27
1.15	32
1.20	37
1.25	42
1.30	48
1.35	55
1.40	63
1.45	75
1.50	90

Figure 9: Total iterations for each value of  $w$  of SOR method at  $u_0 = 100$ .

The total number of iterations for each value of  $w$  are shown in fig. 8 for  $u_0 = 5$  and fig. 9 for  $u_0 = 100$ . Thus the optimum value of  $w$  is '1' or there should be no relaxation. The problem is repeated again to perform Gauss-Seidel ( $w=1$ ) and it will yield the results shown in fig. 10 and 11.

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Iteration number = 1 with tolerance = 199984.197588240
Iteration number = 2 with tolerance = 199989.267753028
Iteration number = 3 with tolerance = 186052.447665428
Iteration number = 12 with tolerance = 0.402511116
Iteration number = 13 with tolerance = 0.015622956
Iteration number = 14 with tolerance = 0.000000001

The answers are:
x_new[1] = -199958.121300465
x_new[2] = -199981.446211338
x_new[3] = -199990.061189916
x_new[4] = -199983.336274258
x_new[5] = -199959.193357507
x_new[6] = -199985.783391951
x_new[7] = -199994.027736933
x_new[8] = -199978.088226120
x_new[9] = -199958.230170461
x_new[10] = -199981.725190701
x_new[11] = -199989.734500504
x_new[12] = -199998.277095976
x_new[13] = -199984.197588238

Total Number of Iterations = 14

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Figure 10: Results of SOR method with  $w = 1.0$  and  $u_0 = 5$

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Iteration number = 1 with tolerance = 3999683.951764802
Iteration number = 2 with tolerance = 3999785.355060568
Iteration number = 3 with tolerance = 3721048.953308569
Iteration number = 12 with tolerance = 8.050222314
Iteration number = 13 with tolerance = 0.312459121
Iteration number = 14 with tolerance = 0.000000015

The answers are:
x_new[1] = -3999162.426009310
x_new[2] = -3999628.924226767
x_new[3] = -3999801.223798315
x_new[4] = -3999666.725485163
x_new[5] = -3999183.867150146
x_new[6] = -3999715.667839019
x_new[7] = -3999880.554738652
x_new[8] = -3999561.764522409
x_new[9] = -3999164.603409220
x_new[10] = -3999634.503814018
x_new[11] = -3999794.690010086
x_new[12] = -3999965.541919521
x_new[13] = -3999683.951764764

Total Number of Iterations = 14

```

Figure 11: Results of SOR method with  $w = 1.0$  and  $u_0 = 100$

### Problems encountered

The generation of code for LU decomposition was troublesome because of the proper sequence in computing the L and U elements. For the SOR method I had problems for convergence because it is ill-conditioned. Thus I studied partial pivoting. I accomplished these problems by further reading.

### References

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- K. J. Yap, ES 204 Notes – Numerical Solution of Simultaneous Algebraic Equations Part 1 and 2.

### **Appendix**

Please see next pages. First 2 pages: C source code for LU Decomposition using Crout's Method.  
Last 3 pages: C source code for SOR method.